

Amendment No. 1 to HB2689

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2777

House Bill No. 2689*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-503(a)(6)(A), is amended by deleting the language:

with no child attending more than two (2) days in each calendar week for not more than six (6) hours each day

and substituting instead the following:

with no child attending more than twelve (12) hours in each calendar week

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-3-519.

(a) In order to increase the number of licensed child care agencies providing affordable, high-quality child care in the state, the department is authorized, notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this part, to permit department-registered "family child care homes" or "group child care homes", as defined in § 71-3-501, to provide care for children prior to licensure.

(b) Upon registration with the department as either a registered family child care home or registered group child care home and verification that a provider meets the health and safety requirements under the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. § 9857 et seq.) and federal Child Care Development Fund regulations at 45 C.F.R. §§ 98.41 and 98.43, the department shall permit registered

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family or group home providers to care for children for no more than a total of twelve (12) months within a period of eighteen (18) months during the licensure process.

(c) In order to continue to provide care for children in excess of the licensing threshold upon expiration of the twelve (12) months of registration, a child care provider must be approved for licensure by the department as either a family child care home or group child care home.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.